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SUBJ: TWA PROPERTY DISPUTE SETTLED

1. IN MID 1973 TRANSWORLD AIRLINES SOUGHT TO SELL A HOUSE (PLOT 71 BINTI MATOLA RODA, DAR ES SALAAM), WHICH IT HAD PURCHASED IN 1968 AT A TIME WHEN IT HAD AN OFFICE IN TANZANIA. FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF TENANTS TO WHOM TWA HAD RENTED THE HOUSE, THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT ON JULY 25, 1973, REVOKED TWA'S CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ON THE GROUND THAT THE PROPERTY HAD BEEN "ABANDONED" (ALTHOUGH TWA MAINTAINED A 24-HOUR GUARD ON THE HOUSE PENDING ITS SALE). THE PROPERTY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE TANZANIAN FILM COMPANY LTD., A GOVERNMENT-OWNED AGENCY, WHICH DID NOT PAY ANY RENT TO TWA.

2. NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED OVER THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS BETWEEN THE TANZANIAN LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, WHICH ADMINISTERS GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTY, AND TWA, WHICH WAS REPRESENTED BY MR. MAZARGUIL, DIRECTOR OF OVERSEAS PROPERTIES, WHOSE OFFICE IS IN PARIS, IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION. TWA'S EFFORTS WERE ASSISTED BY EMOFFS. TWA FROM THE FIRST SOUHGHT ONLY TO SELL THE PROPERTY FOR ITS ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE PLUS IMPROVEMENTS, OF TANZANIA SHILLINGS 178,083.

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3. FINALLY, ON AUGUST 6, 1975, THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT
ISSUED TWA A CHECK FOR 178,083 SHILLINGS, WHICH HAS BEEN
DEPOSITED IN TWA'S LOCAL ACCOUNT. TWA REPRESENTATIVE MAZARGUIL
HAS EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE EMBASSY AND TO TANZANIAN
GOVERNMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THIS PROBLEM.
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